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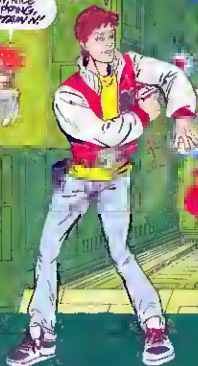
A KING OF SHREDS AND PATCHES

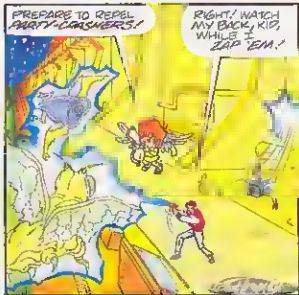
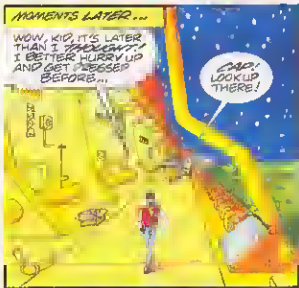
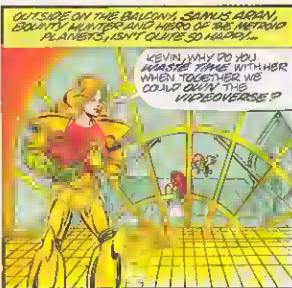
KEVIN KEENE--!! I THOUGHT YOU WERE GETTING READY FOR MY BIRTHDAY PARTY, NOT PLAYING WITH YOUR ZAPPER IN THE PALACE GALLERY.

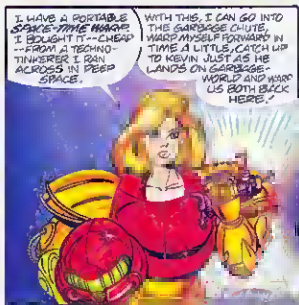
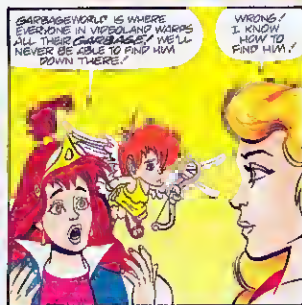
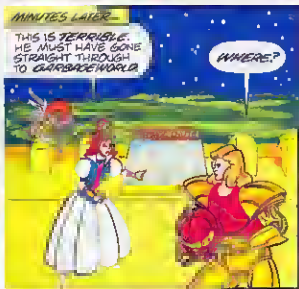
JUST A COUPLE MORE MINUTES, PRINCESS--!! AFTER ALL, HOW AM I GOING TO BE THE PROTECTOR OF VIDEOLAND IF I DON'T GET IN SOME TARGET PRACTICE?

HOW ABOUT TARGET SHOTS, AND ICARUS?

WOW, NICE ZAPPING, CAPTAIN N!!







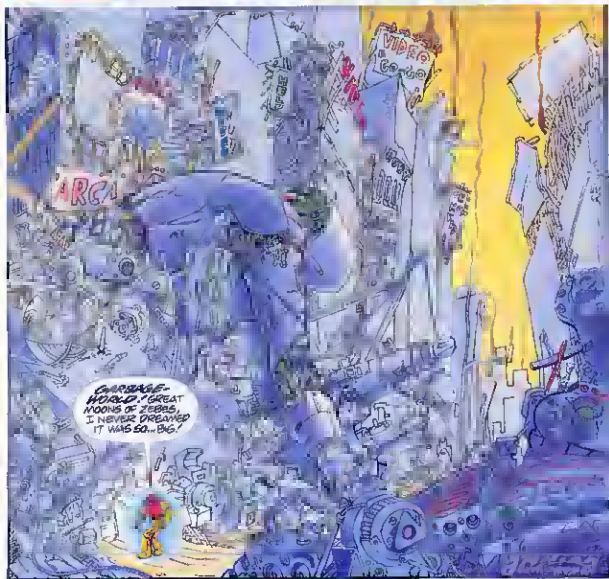
WE'LL
GO WITH
YOU!

NO NEED. IT'S A SIMPLE
OPERATION. YOU GET READY
FOR YOUR LITTLE PARTY.
I'LL BE BACK IN NO
TIME AT ALL.

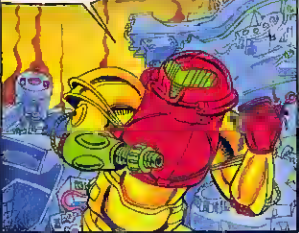
HAHAHAHAHAHA

THIS 'DARMS RESCUEN'
OUGHT TO SCORE ME SOME
POINTS WITH KEVIN. IT
MIGHT EVEN MAKE HIM
REALIZE WHAT A PERFECT
TEAM WE'D MAKE!

I'VE SET THE TIME
WARD FOR FIFTEEN
MINUTES INTO THE
FUTURE. NEXT STOP...



KEVIN SHOULD BE
POPPING UP ANY
MOMENT NOW...
WHY? WHO'S
THAT?

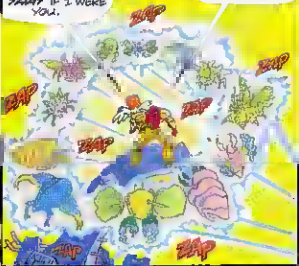


WHATEVER THE ANSWER, IT LOOKS LIKE THE BIRD-
BOY CAN USE SOME HELP. I'LL GIVE THESE
MONSTERS A TASTE OF MY ICE BEAM.

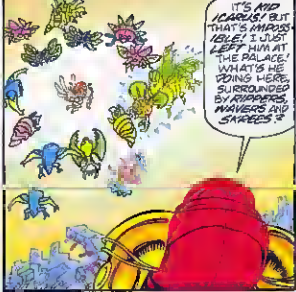


OH, I WOULDN'T
WORRY ABOUT
THAT IF I WERE
YOU.

WHAT? THEY'RE
DISAPPEARING!



IT'S MID
ICARUS! BUT
THAT'S IMPOSS-
IBLE! I JUST
LEFT HIM AT
THE PALACE!
WHAT'S HE
DOING HERE,
SURROUNDED
BY RIPPERS,
NAVERS AND
SAREES?



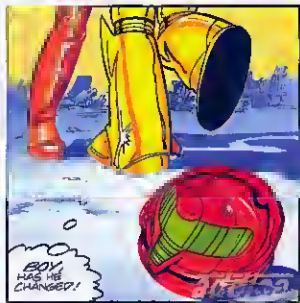
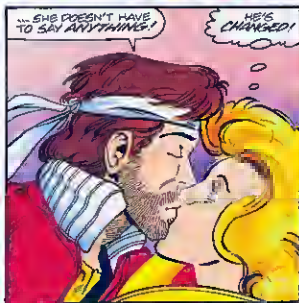
GREAT OLYMPIUS!
IF I DIDN'T KNOW
BETTER, I'D THINK
IT WAS MY OLD
COMRADE, SAMUS.

SHUT YOUR BEAK AND
FIGHT, FEATHERFACE.
THESE BEASTIES ARE OUT
FOR BLOOD, AND I THINK
WE'RE SURROUNDED!



THERE'S NOBODY WHO
CAN SHOOT LIKE THAT, EXCEPT

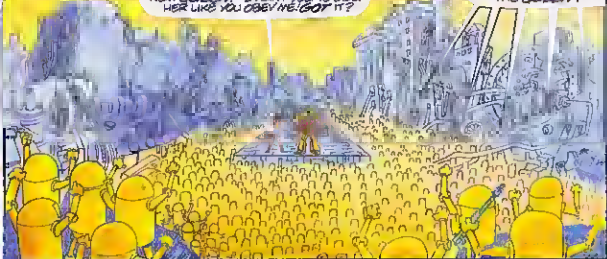




SOON...

NOW HEAR THIS, YOU TIN-HEADS. SAMUS, HERE, IS GOING TO BE YOUR NEW QUEEN! I WANT YOU TO OBEY HER LIKE YOU OBEY ME! GOT IT?

SAMUS, SAMUS, SAMUS! HAIL TO THE QUEEN!

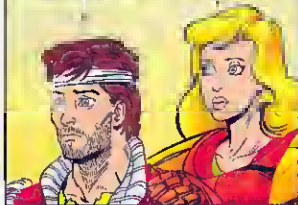
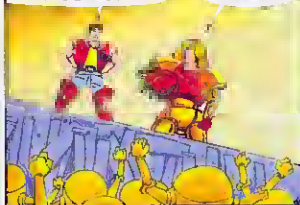


YOU'LL GET USED TO THE CHANGATIONS. THEY'RE NOT TOO BRIGHT, BUT THEY MAKE PRETTY LOYAL SUBJECTS. NOT BAD FIGHTERS, EITHER, ONCE YOU WHIP THEM INTO SHAPE.

KEVIN, I DON'T UNDERSTAND. BACK... BEFORE, YOU NEVER WANTED TO BE... PARTNERS.

THINGS CHANGE, PEOPLE CHANGE. FORGET THE PAST, CONCENTRATE ON NOW. LIVING IN A WORLD OF CHANGAGE TEACHES YOU THAT.

AND IF YOU COULD GO BACK AND CHANGE THE WAY THINGS HAPPENED?



FORGET IT. THERE'S NO USE THINKING ABOUT IT. AFTER ALL, I'VE CARVED OUT A KINGDOM DOWN HERE. THIS IS THE LAST FREE WORLD OF VIDEOBLAND, AND THIS IS WHERE I BELONG NOW.

I'LL SEE YOU TONIGHT AT THE "PALACE."

HE'S THE MAN I ALWAYS WANTED HIM TO BE... A KING, A LEADER, AND YET HE SEEMS SO SAD.

BUT I CAN FIX THAT! TOGETHER, WE CAN CARVE OUT A REAL EMPIRE... THAT OUGHT TO CHEER HIM UP!



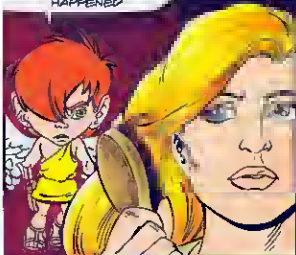
LATER...

TOMORROW, I'LL START THEM BUILDING A SPACESHIP! THE VIDEOVERSE WILL YET BELONG TO KING KEVIN...AND QUEEN SAMUS ARAN.

SAMUS! I HAVE TO TALK TO YOU.

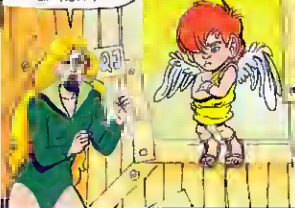
YOU CAN TAKE HIM BACK! CAN'T YOU? YOU CAN FIX IT SO NONE OF THIS EVER HAPPENED

MAYBE...BUT I WON'T!



DON'T YOU SEE? I'VE ALWAYS WANTED KEVIN AS A PARTNER, AND NOW I HAVE GOT HIM! WHY SHOULD I GIVE THAT UP NOW?

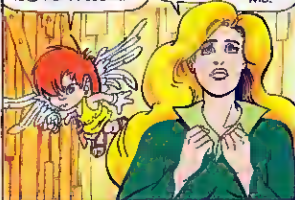
BECAUSE VIDEO LAND NEEDS HIM.



IT TOOK ME YEARS TO FIND HIM, AND THEN IT WAS TOO LATE! KEVIN BLAMES HIMSELF FOR EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED! I THINK THAT'S WHY HE STAYS HERE. IT'S SORT OF A SELF-IMPOSED EXILE, TO PUNISH HIMSELF!

BUT YOU CAN GIVE HIM ANOTHER CHANCE TO SAVE VIDEO LAND!

NO! KEVIN'S LIFE IS HERE AND NOW...WITH ME!



ABOUT A MONTH AFTER YOU LEFT, THE PRINCESS DISAPPEARED JUST LIKE HER FATHER AND, YEARS EARLIER! THEN, MY OTHER GOOD FRIEND, DESTROYING THE PALACE OF POWER, SHE SACRIFICED HER EVIL ROLE ALL OVER VIDEO LAND! ONLY GARDENLAND STAYED FREE!



ARE YOU THAT BLIND? CAN'T YOU SEE THAT HE'S TEARING HIMSELF APART OVER WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PRINCESS AND TO THE WORLD HE WAS SUPPOSED TO PROTECT?

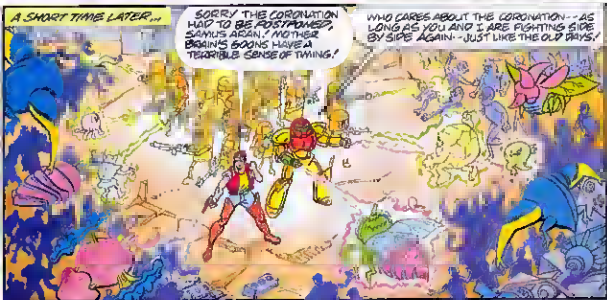
THE LEAST YOU CAN DO IS TELL HIM! LET HIM CHOOSE! OR DO YOU ONLY CARE ABOUT YOURSELF?



A SHORT TIME LATER...

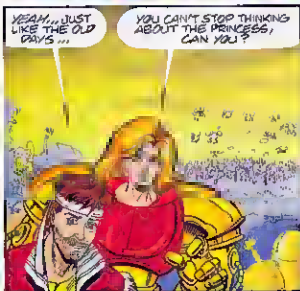
SORRY THE CORONATION
HAD TO BE POSTPONED,
SAMUS ARAN! MOTHER
BRIGGS SOONS HAVE A
TERRIBLE SENSE OF TIMING!

WHO CARES ABOUT THE CORONATION-- AS
LONG AS YOU AND I ARE FIGHTING SIDE
BY SIDE AGAIN-- JUST LIKE THE OLD DAYS!



YEAH... JUST
LIKE THE OLD
DAYS...

YOU CAN'T STOP THINKING
ABOUT THE PRINCESS,
CAN YOU?



LOOK, I HAVE A WAY FOR US
TO GO BACK-- BACK BEFORE
YOU EVER CAME TO GARBAGE-
WORLD! YOU CAN HAVE
ANOTHER CHANCE!

HUH! WHAT IF
I BLOW IT
AGAIN? I
COULDN'T SOUND
IT A SECOND
TIME!

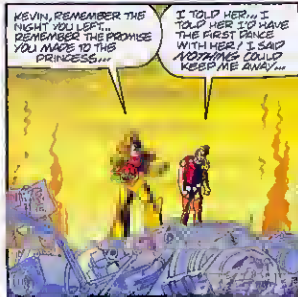


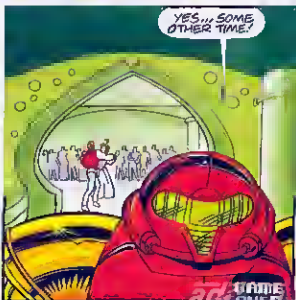
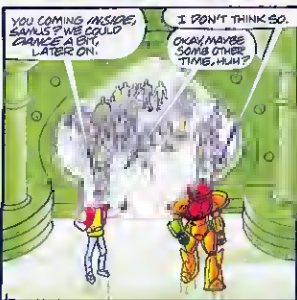
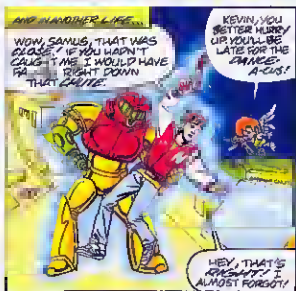
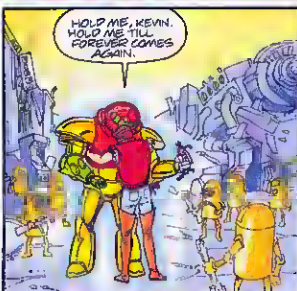
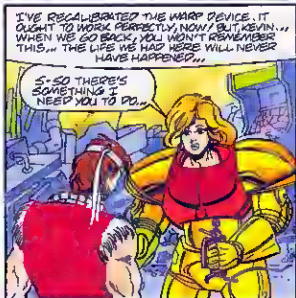
I FAILED! I LET
EVERYBODY DOWN!
I DESERVE TO BE
IN GARBAGEWORLD!



KEVIN, REMEMBER THE
NIGHT YOU LEFT...
REMEMBER THE PROMISE
YOU MADE TO THE
PRINCESS...

I TOLD HER... I
TOLD HER I'D HAVE
THE FIRST DANCE
WITH HER! I SAID
NOTHING COULD
KEEP ME AWAY...

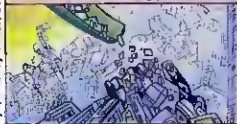




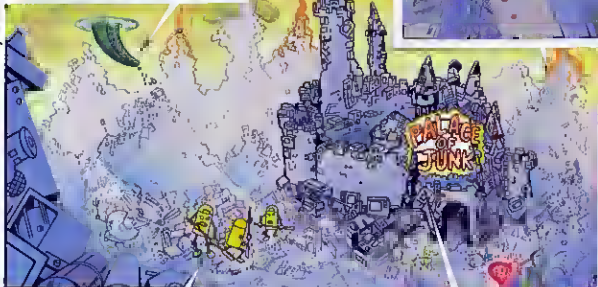
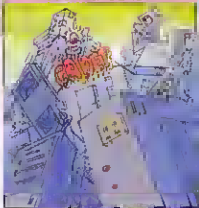
VIDEOLAND GUIDEBOOK: GARBAGEWORLD

LONG AGO, GARBAGEWORLD WAS HOME TO AN ADVANCED CIVILIZATION, WHICH PRODUCED A HUGE AMOUNT OF TRASH. LATER, ABANDONED, THE PLANET BECAME A PUMP-ING GROUND FOR THE ENTIRE GALAXY.

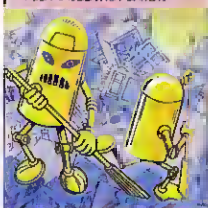
WARP ZONE CAULDS. WARP ZONES WERE PLACED ABOVE THE SURFACE OF THE PLANET AS AN EMERGENCY DISPOSAL SYSTEM FOR ALL TRASH COLLECTED THROUGHOUT VIDEOLAND.



MICROCHIP MOUNTAINS. GIANT PILES OF WASTE WERE LEFT BY THE PREVIOUS CIVILIZATION. OVER CENTURIES, IT WAS BROKEN DOWN INTO CHIPS AND ELECTRONIC BITS.



GARBATRONS, THE PERMANENT INHABITANTS OF GARBAGEWORLD. THESE NEAR-MINDLESS GARBATRONS SPEND ETERNITY PUSHING VIDEO-TRASH FROM ONE PILE TO ANOTHER, ALL ACROSS THE PLANET.



PALACE OF JUNK, BUILT BY THE GARBATRONS FOR THEIR RULER, KEVIN KLEINS, DURING HIS FIFTEEN YEARS IN EXILE. THE PALACE HAS 300 ROOMS--ALL CONSTRUCTED FROM TRASH.



FROM THE WORLD OF

METROID

SAMUS ARAN'S STARSHIP

HUNTER IV

FEDERATION STARSHIP REGISTRATION # 55X460 0007
CLASSIFICATION: MODIFIED SCOUT SHIP/GUNSHIP

HISTORY:

VESSEL IS FOURTH AND MOST ADVANCED MODEL IN SERIES (HUNTER I, II, AND III DESTROYED UNDER UNKNOWN CIRCUMSTANCES). ALL FOUR SHIPS BASED ON HYDROLINE SPACE SYSTEMS, EXPLODER CLASS SCOUT SHIP (MANUFACTURED AT HYDROLINE SHIPYARDS, ALTAIR V). ALREADY CONSIDERED MOST ADVANCED STARSHIP IN ITS CLASS, HUNTER IV HAS BEEN HEAVILY MODIFIED BY OWNER, SAMUS ARAN, AND OTHER UNKNOWN TECHNICIANS.

DESIGN:

HUNTER IV IS MADE UP OF 3 INTERLOCKING SECTIONS.

CHAFF ANTI-DETECTION DISPENSERS (PORT AND STARBOARD).

TAILGUNNER TURRET: 30MM GATLING LASER CANNON.

ESCAPE PODS

CENTRAL SYSTEMS HEAVY DUTY DEFLECTOR SHIELDS.

FRONT OF DRIVE SECTION DETACHES TO BECOME ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER.

MAIN GUN: 300MM STARFIRE LASER CANNON (TO DISBURGE FORWARD MOUNT).

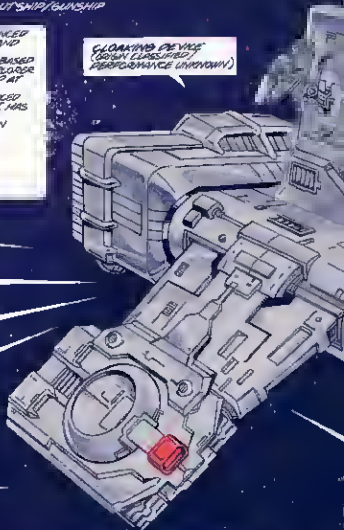
DRIVE SECTION:



(STARBOARD SECTION DETACHES TO FORM ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER)

- LIFE SUPPORT
- DRIVES
- ANTI GRAVITY
- POWER
- SHIELDS
- MAIN GUN

GLOATING DEVICE (ORIGIN CLASSIFIED) PERFORMANCE UNKNOWN



TOP TURRET
30MM GATLING
LASER CANNON.



- MAIN/ LIVING SECTION:**
(DETACHES TO FORM BASE)
- BRIDGE
 - SAMUS'S CABIN
 - CREW BUNKS
 - GALLEY
 - SECURITY VAULT
 - PRISONER HOLDING CELL
 - SICK BAY
 - CARGO HOLD
 - COMMUNICATIONS
 - COMPUTER BANKS

- ELECTRONICS PACKAGE:**
- SENSOR ARRAY
 - ECM/ECM
 - NORMAL AND HYPERSPACE COMMUNICATIONS



- GUNNER SECTION:**
(DETACHES TO FORM NEEDLESHIP)
- WEAPONS CONTROL
 - AUXILIARY BRIDGE
 - EMERGENCY BOOSTER
 - WEAPONS BAY

EMERGENCY BOOSTER:
SAUS SYSTEM SPACE SCRAMJET

- WEAPONS BAY:**
(PORT AND STARBOARD)
- 6 X STRIKER SPACE HUNTING MISSILES
 - 1 X FEDERATION PROTON TORPEDO TUBE
 - 6 X SOLARIS HUNTING SPACE MINE

GUNNER SECTION AND EMERGENCY BOOSTER DETACH TO FORM HEAVILY ARMED/ULTRA-MANEUVERABLE NEEDLESHIP FOR INFILTRATION AND HIGH SPEED ATTACK RUNS

TWO AIR/GROUND POWERCYCLES STORED IN OUTSIDE COMPARTMENTS, PORT/STARBOARD.

SECONDARY GUN:
60MM AVENGER LASER CANNON (FIXED FORWARD).

DRIVE SYSTEMS:

(RATIO OF POWER TO MGS IS SIX TIMES HIGHER THAN AVERAGE FOR SHIPS IN THIS CLASS, RESULTING IN GEOMETRICALLY HIGHER PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS).

ATMOSPHERIC DRIVE: BERBER AEROSPACE GRAVITY RESIST GENERATOR

SUBLIGHT DRIVE: GRAVITY PROPULSION SYSTEMS PHOTON DRIVE

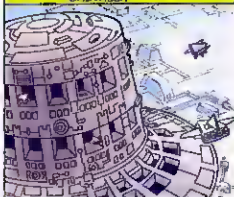
HYPERSPACE DRIVE: MODIFIED FROM FEDERATION NAVY COQUETTE MK 88

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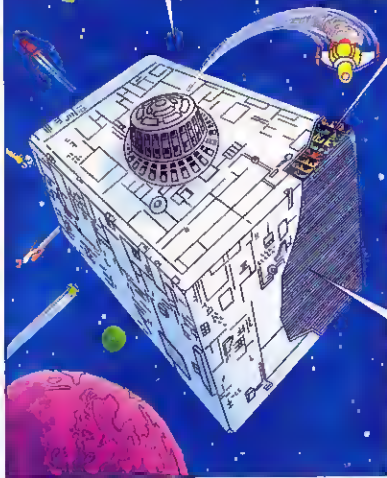
THE LOCKER

THE LOCKER IS A STORAGE CENTER, DINER, AND HOME AWAY FROM HOME FOR ALL GALACTIC BOUNTY HUNTERS. IT HAS 350 LEVELS, AND WALLS ONE HUNDRED METERS THICK.

THE SPACEPORT RECEIVES THOUSANDS OF SHIPS EACH MONTH. SPACE HUNTERS WHO RESCUE PIRATED CARGO ARE ALLOWED TO KEEP HALF OF WHAT THEY SALVAGE.



THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF HOTEL ROOMS, EACH SPECIALLY ADAPTED TO CONDITIONS ON ANY SPACE HUNTER'S HOMEWORLD. LOCKER ALSO CONTAINS RESTAURANTS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, A MEDICAL ROOM, AND A TENDING BARBAR.



EACH SPACE HUNTER HAS HIS/HER/ITS OWN LOCKER, TO STORE CANNONS, ARMS/AMMUNITION, AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS. EACH LOCKER CONNECTS BY A WARP ZONE TO ITS OWN DIMENSION—CREATING A HUGE STORAGE AREA THAT TAKES UP NO SPACE IN THIS WORLD.



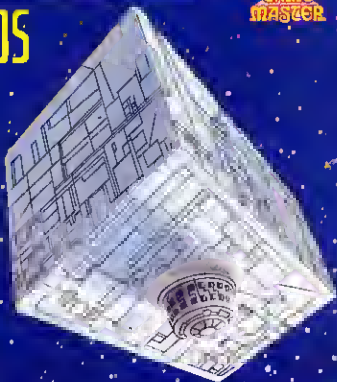
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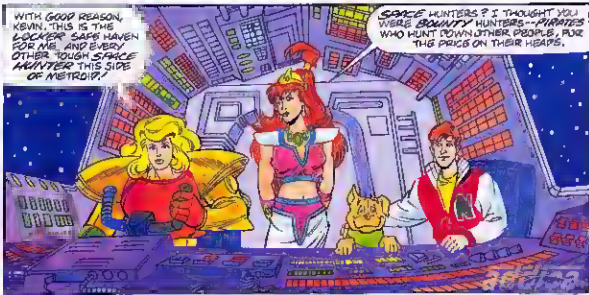
WHEN FRIENDS FALL OUT

WOW! THIS
PLACE LOOKS LIKE
A GIANT SAFE
SAMLUS ARAN!



WITH GOOD REASON,
KEVIN, THIS IS THE
LOCKER SAFE HAVEN
FOR ME, AND EVERY
OTHER TOUGH SPACE
HUNTER THIS SIDE
OF METROID!

SPACE HUNTERS? I THOUGHT YOU
WERE BOUNTY HUNTERS--PIRATES
WHO HUNT DOWN OTHER PEOPLE, FOR
THE PRICE ON THEIR HEADS.



A PERSON HAS TO **EAT** PRINCESS BESIDES, YOUR FATHER MADE SPACE HUNTING PERFECTLY LEGAL. ASK HIM ABOUT IT IF YOU EVER FIND HIM.

PLEASE DON'T ARGUE SAMUS AND PRINCESS LANA. YOU'RE JUST TENSE RIGHT NOW.

WE'RE ALL TENSE RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE OF THIS MISSION. WE NEED TO PICK UP ONE OF SAMUS'S WEAPONS--AND WE **DON'T** NEED EXTRA PROBLEMS.

POINT TAKEN. LET'S CUT THE BACKPACKING AND I'LL ROCK THE SHIP.

SAMUS, SAMUS, SAMUS, SAMUS, SAMUS!

YOU'RE PRETTY POPULAR AROUND HERE.

WELL... A LOT OF PEOPLE OWE ME FAVORS.

MY PERSONAL STORAGE AREA IS ON LEVEL 200. LET'S HOP ON THE GRAYULATOR.

TELL US ABOUT THE **MEGABAN** YOU'VE STORED HERE.

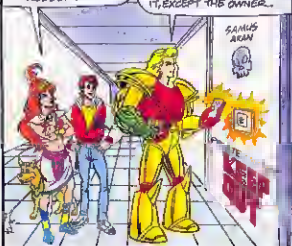
THE **MEGABAN**? I FOUND IT ON A DEAD PLANET. I KNOW IT CAN TURN A PERSON TO **STONE**, AND I'M PRETTY SURE IT CAN BE USED IN **REVERSE**.

THAT'S JUST WHAT WE NEED! THEN, WE CAN FREE POOR KID ICARUS FROM THE SPILL OF THAT EVIL GORDON. AT LEAST WE KNOW WE'LL WAIT PATIENTLY BACK AT THE PALACE OF POWER. HE HAS NO CHOICE!

THIS IS YOUR SPACE LOCKER? AREN'T YOU WORRIED ABOUT BEING ROBBED?

NEVER. THESE WARPKEYS UNLOCK A POCKET DIMENSION ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DOOR. NO ONE CAN OPEN IT, EXCEPT THE OWNER.

SAMUS ARAN



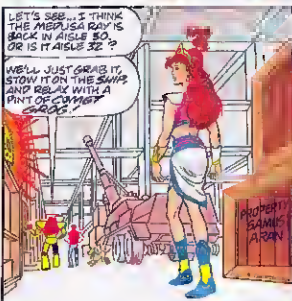
IN FACT YOU COULD SAY THAT WITHOUT THE KEY, THE CONTENTS DON'T REALLY EXIST

WHAT'S EVERY BODY STARING AT?



1- IT'S SO BIG!

YES, WELL, I COULDN'T AFFORD ONE OF THE LARGER ONES.



LET'S SEE... I THINK THE MEDIA SA RAY IS BACK IN AISLE 30. OR IS IT AISLE 32?

WE'LL JUST GRAB IT, STOW IT ON THE SHIP, AND RELAX WITH A PINT OF COMET GROC!



HEY PRINCESS LANA... COME ON! YOU HAVE TO SEE THIS!

LATER THAT NIGHT, IN KEVIN AND LANA'S RENTED SUITE...

BUT, I SAW IT, KEVIN. I TOUCHED IT. IT WAS THE LEGENDARY FLAME-CHIP -- THE ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND!

THE FLAME-CHIP WAS OFFERED AS BOUNTY FOR THE CAPTURE OF MY FATHER. AND I SAW IT IN SAMUS'S PERSONAL STORAGE. SHE GAVE IT, KEVIN. SHE MARRIAGED MY FATHER FOR MONEY!

REWARD!
HIS EVIL MURDER,
ANOTHER BOUNTY
OFFERS THE RARE
FLAME-CHIP, FOR
THE CAPTURE AND
DEATH OF
ADAM CHARLES.

NO! I DON'T BELIEVE IT! WE NEED MORE PROOF!

I HAVE ALL THE PROOF I NEED. ONCE WE'RE BACK AT THE PALACE OF POWER, I'M PUTTING HER ON TRIAL FOR HIGH TREASON!

I DON'T THINK SO.

THE WALLS OF THESE COMPARTMENTS ARE THIN -- ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU HAVE BIONIC HEARING.

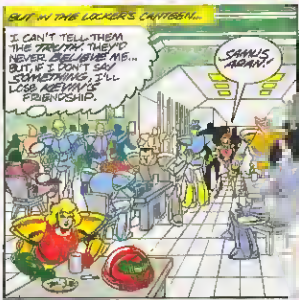
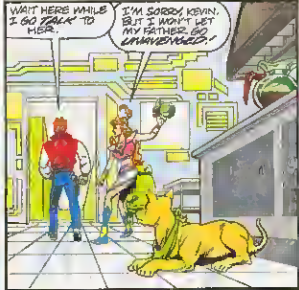
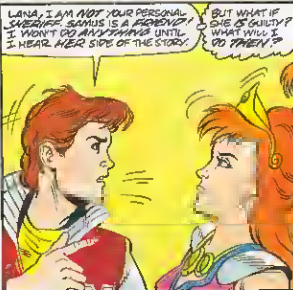
I'M DISAPPOINTED. I THOUGHT WE WERE ALLIES... AND HERE I FIND YOU, PLOTTING AGAINST ME!

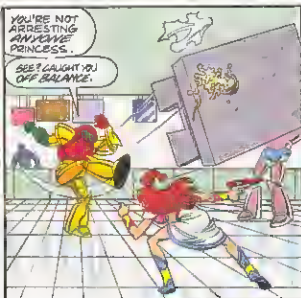
SAMUS, TELL THE PRINCESS IT'S A MISTAKE! THE FLAME-CHIP ISN'T YOURS. THERE MUST BE AN EXPLANATION!

I HAVE NO EXPLANATION. YOU WILL FIND A SHIP AND LEAVE THE LOCKER IMMEDIATELY. OUR ALLIANCE IS AT AN END.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND. SHE SPOKE SO COLDLY.

KEVIN, I WILL NOT LEAVE WITHOUT SAMUS. AS PROTECTOR OF VIBRO-LAND, I'M ORDERING YOU TO HELP CAPTURE SAMUS... AND BRING HER TO TRIAL!





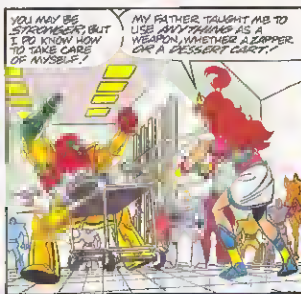
YOU'RE NOT ARRESTING ANYONE PRINCESS.

SEE? CAUGHT YOU OFF BALANCE.



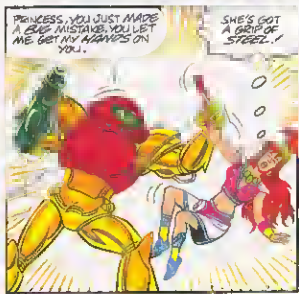
A FEW WELL-PLACED ICE BLASTS SHOULD KEEP YOU THAT WAY!

I'M NOT IMPRESSED BY YOUR WEAPONS OR YOUR BIONIC STRENGTH.



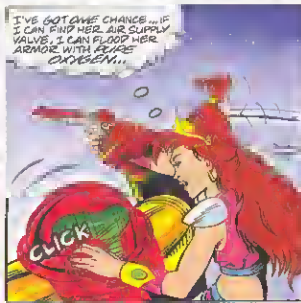
YOU MAY BE STRONGER, BUT I DO KNOW HOW TO TAKE CARE OF MYSELF!

MY FATHER TAUGHT ME TO USE ANYTHING AS A WEAPON, WHETHER A ZAPPER OR A DESSERT CART.

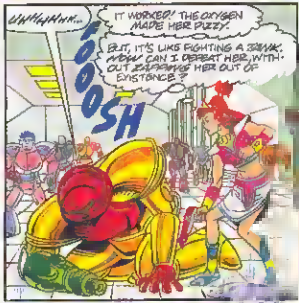


PRINCESS, YOU JUST MADE A BIG MISTAKE. YOU LET ME GET MY HANDS ON YOU.

SHE'S GOT A GRIP OF STEEL!



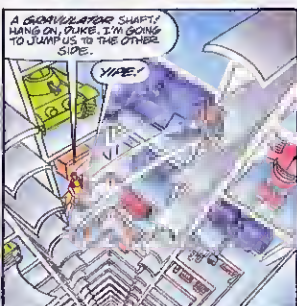
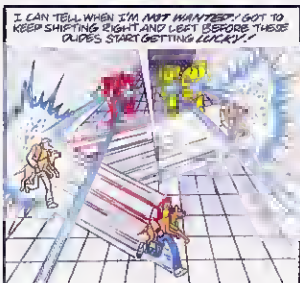
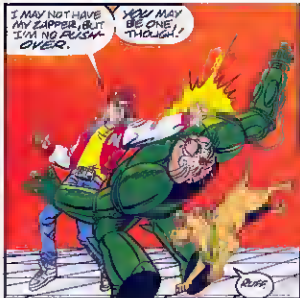
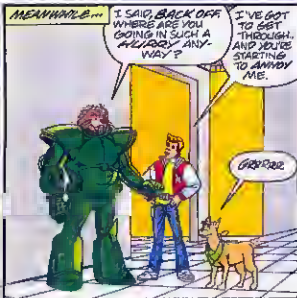
I'VE GOT ONE CHANCE... IF I CAN FIND HER AIR SUPPLY VALVE, I CAN FLOOD HER ARMOR WITH FLAME OXYGEN...



UNHHHHH...

IT WORKED! THE OXYGEN MADE HER DIZZY.

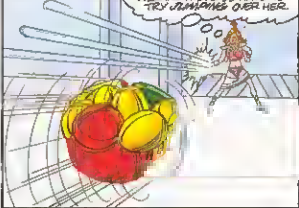
BUT, IT'S LIKE FIGHTING A BEAK. NOW CAN I DEFEAT HER, WITHOUT ZAPPING HER OUT OF EXISTENCE?



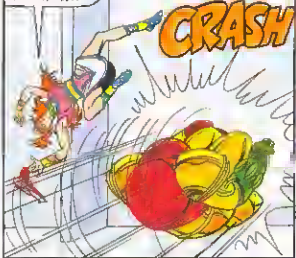
MEANWHILE, NEAR THE DOCKING BAY...

STAY BACK, SAMUS. OR THE NEXT ZAP WILL SEND YOU TO OBLIVION!

I'VE LURED HER TOWARD THE SHIP, BUT SHE'S TRANSFORMED INTO HER MARY MAUI MODE. I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF SHE CAN HEAR ME. I'LL HAVE TO TRY JUMPING OVER HER.

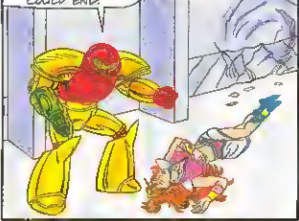


I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE IT... *CRASH!!!*



I AM SORRY, LITTLE PRINCESS. YOU FORCED ME TO FIGHT, AND THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY THE FIGHT COULD END.

SURRENDER, AND YOU'LL GET SAFE PASSAGE HOME.



I'LL NEVER SURRENDER. YOU MAY BE STRONGER THAN I, BUT YOU'LL NEVER HAVE A MOMENT'S PEACE WHILE I LIVE. I WILL BRING YOU TO JUSTICE.



SAMUS, WAIT... LET GO OF HER!

KEVIN, WHY DON'T YOU... *UNNNNN!*

THANKS FOR THE OPENING.

